

Department of the Interior Watercraft Working Group
Conference Call Summary Minutes
October 14, 2005

Attendees:

Ed Perez
Gary Hill
Jeff Peterson
Anne Sittauer

The meeting was convened at 11:00 am EST. The purpose of this conference call was to finalize our plans for the upcoming meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

- Jeff found a meeting place and reserved hotel rooms for Dec. 5 - 8
- Anne suggested combining the DOI Workgroup meeting with the meeting for all DOI workgroups, thus cutting down our stay by one day. All agreed.
- USGS will reserve a room (@\$200/day) for Dec. 5 and 6
- FWS will reserve a room (@\$200/day) for Dec. 6 and 7
- BOR will reserve a room on Dec. 6

The following list was generated by the Workgroup as topics to be discussed on Dec. 7: (Please review this list and any additions or deletions and then Anne will write a draft agenda from it for the Dec. 7 meeting)

- Review of where agency holds most MOCC classes, to look for opportunities to co-teach.
- Auto-inflating PFD's policy for each agency
- Minimum number of instructors for MOCC
- Tuition
- Airboat and hoovercraft training
- Recertification
- Moving water module
- March DOI conference
- NASBLA
- OJT training
- Policy for major modifications to vessels

There was a discussion about maintaining NASBLA certification. The standards to maintain that are becoming more restrictive and are not adding to the MOCC standards that have been set.

The sinking of a NPS pontoon boat last week was discussed. Gary or Ed will forward more information to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM EST